(b) and (c) Central Government have been advising the State Governments to strengthen their Drugs Control Machinery to curb the manufacture of spurious drugs. The steps taken in this regard are as follows;

1. Penalties for the manufacture of spurious drugs has been enhanced as per amended Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

2. Resolution have been passed in the recent meeting of Central Council of Health requesting State Governments to strengthen Drugs Control Organisations and set up adequate testing facilities and establish separate intelligence cum legal cell. The meeting has also recommended that Drug Control Organisation at the Central should also be upgraded and strengthened.

**Computer manpower in the country**

724. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the increasing use of computers in the country require a large force of trained manpower in the area of information technology; if so, what are the details of Government plans to create the required manpower in this vital field; and

(b) what is the number of computer personnel trained by the National Institute of Information Technology (NIIT) during the past three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Government have initiated computer courses at a large number of institutions. Whereas the number of such institutions conducting computer courses in 1983 was only about 30 with annual output of about 1000 persons, the number of such institutions in 1988 was over 300 with output of about 10,000 persons and will increase to about 12,000 persons in 1992.

(b) National Institute of Information Technology (NIIT) is a private organisation engaged in computer training and consultancy. As per the information provided by NIIT, the number of trainees who joined NIIT for computer training is as under:

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| May 85 to April 86 | : | 3700 |
| May 86 to April 87 | : | 4700 |
| May 87 to April 88 | : | 8580 |
| May 88 to Jan. 89 | : | 8156 |

**Manufacture and sale of computers**

725. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's leading computer manufacturing company, Hindustan Computers Limited, has been successful in establishing an Indian owned subsidiary in USA to manufacture and sell computers in the western world, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what are the details of the the package being offered by the Government to encourage the Indian computer companies to sell their products abroad, particularly in developed countries; and

(c) what are the export projections of computers during 1988-89 and 1989-90?

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(a) The Government has given approval to M/s. Hindustan Computers Limited (HCL) for setting up of a wholly owned subsidiary (WOS) in USA for advanced software products and service.

(b) At present, Indian computer companies who are exporting their products abroad are given following incentives:

(i) Duty drawback

(ii) Cash Compensatory Support